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1. (C) On June 24 we delivered reftel points to Stig Ingemar Traavik, the MFA's Afghanistan Desk Officer. He noted that Norway agreed in principle to the USG positions raised in the points. Traavik emphasized the GON's commitment to existing bilateral assistance to Afghanistan. With respect to the Justice Coordination Mechanism (JCM), he stressed the GON's support, but reiterated that the UN should fund the JCM in its next calendar year budget. Concerning the proposed multilateral funding mechanism, the GON would likely match current U.S. contributions. If Norway matches the USG funding, then Traavik noted that the GON would expect the US to raise its contributions. Finally, the GON will send MFA State Secretary Johansen as its representative to the Rome Rule of Law Conference.
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